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'Best year ever' Belleville Community Art Show winners, 2023

By Elaine Gutierrez

Belleville Area Council for the Arts

It was the best year ever for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at its 14th-annual Community Art Show on Oct. 13-15. More than 80 talented artists participated with some 200 entries for public viewing at the Belleville Yacht Club.

A special thank you goes to the judges of the artwork for the show: Toni Munie, local leaded and beveled glass artist; Denise Sutton, owner of Denise Sutton Interiors; and Keturah Wood, Curriculum Director of Southgate Public Schools and acrylic painter.

BACA congratulates the winners as follows:

2-Dimension: 1st – Liz Dobbs, 2nd – Mary Orr, 3rd – Cynthia Price.

3D/Fiber Art: 1st – Loel Gnadt, 2nd – Diane Eissinger, 3rd – Nancy Cooper.

Photography: 1st – Kim Ion, 2nd – Terrah Stewart, 3rd – Genevieve Gregory.

Upcycled: 1st – Cheryl Martin, 2nd – Rhonda Dutton, 3rd – Amy O'Brien

Teens (Ages 13-18): 1st – Abigail Scott, 2nd – Emma Bovcc, 3rd – Emma Przybylo

Children (Ages 6-12): 1st – Katherine Gregory, 2nd – Leanna Scott, 3rd – Olivia Vitti.

People's Choice: Rhonda Dutton's "Kiss a Fish."

Winners in all seven categories were awarded ribbons and cash prizes. Photos of the winning artwork can be seen on facebook at Belleville Area Council for the Arts – BACA.

Guest judges gave ribbons to the following artists: Kereen Conley, awarding Emma Bovcc; John Juriga, choosing Steven Paulsen; Eric Luke and Kevin McNamara, selecting Rhonda Dutton; Lisa

Martin picking Cynthia Price; Carmen Stovall awarding Mary Orr; and Mary Jo Suchy selecting Renae Turner.

After the awards ceremony, Howard Puchalsky, wood carving artist, presented a bald eagle sculpture to Rosemary Otzman of the Belleville Area Independent for her service to our communities and her dedication to BACA over the years.

Special tables were set up for Maisy Shay, 2023 Senior Scholarship Recipient; Bob Mytych, in memoriam; and W.H.A.T. (We Have Artistic Talent), local artist group.

BACA thanks the Art Show Sponsors: WM for the Upcycled Category, Belleville Area District Library, Keith & Ginger Bruder, Amy M. Eversole, Michele Montour, Jean & Kerry Morris, Thom & Cynthia Price, The Pumpkin Factory, Sumpter Collision, Wagner's Homestead Farm, and John, Marilyn & Kathryn Wood.

BACA appreciates and thanks pianist, Judith Weed, the Belleville Yacht Club, Garden Fantasy on Main, The Pumpkin Factory, Wagner's Homestead Farm and WM for their contributions to the show. Programs were printed with the cooperation of the Belleville Area District Library and Montour Designs.

The organizing committee members were Rhonda Dutton, Kim Ensich, Ed Good, Elaine Gutierrez, Kathleen Klein, Michele Montour, Jean Morris, Cynthia Price, Howard Puchalsky, Cheryl Wagner and Kathryn Wood.

Other BACA programs include cultural outings, music lakeside summer series, community art and student scholarships. For more information on BACA, go to its website at: www.bacaart.org.



Winners in the Upcycled category were, from left, Cheryl Martin, first place; Rhonda Dutton, second place; and Amy O'Brien, third place.



First place in the ages 6-12 was, at left, Katherine Gregory. Third place was Olivia Vitti, at right. Second place winner Leanna Scott was not present for the photo.



Top winners in the Photography category were, from left, Kim Ion, first place; Terrah Stewart, second place; and Genevieve Gregory, third place.



First place in the 13-17 category was Abigail Scott, at right. She poses with her ribbon with BACA president Rhonda Dutton, at left, and Kathy Wood. Second-place winner Emma Bovcc and third place-winner Emma Przybylo were not present for the picture.



The 3-D / Fiber Art winners were, from left, Noel Gnadt, first place; Diane Eissinger, second place. Nancy Cooper, third place winner was not present for the photo.



The 2-D award winners in the BACA Art Show were, from left, Liz Dobbs, first; Mary Orr, second; and Cynthia Price, third.



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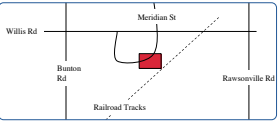
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Five candidates run for five open seats on Belleville City Council

All five seats on the Belleville City Council are up for election on the Nov. 7 General Election ballot.

Ken Voigt has filed for mayor, Jeremiah Beebe and Julie Kissel have filed for partial terms, and Randy Priest and Kelly Bates have filed for full, four-year terms.

Four-year terms will expire in December for present Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilmembers Bates and Voigt. Councilmen Beebe and Tom Fielder were appointed in 2023 to terms that expire in December 2025, but they had to run in the November election to finish their terms.

Mayor Conley chose not to run for reelection, Councilman Fielder chose not to run for election, and Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt chose to run for the vacant mayor's seat.

Ken Voigt – Mayor

Ken Voigt, 78 Wabash St., is married to Peggy and their children are Matt, Sarah, and Adam. Voigt, 67, has lived in the city for 44 years.

He is retired and has a bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in Public Administration/Urban Planning.

Voigt ran for the city council and was elected in 2019. He has served in appointed positions on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority (18 years), Planning Commission (4 years), and Sign Committee (4 years).

He is a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Belleville Yacht Club.

He said he is running for office because: "I have lived and worked and raised children and grandchildren in this community for 44 years and have been serving the community in one capacity or another during that entire time."

"In my opinion, Belleville has the best geographic location in all of Southeastern Michigan and we haven't always taken advantage of that. We have made tremendous progress in the past 4 years in improving events, improving operating efficiency and customer service and improving our facilities and infrastructure but there is more to do. I feel that my experience and education can be of benefit to the community. Simply put, I am running for Mayor because I love this town and I want to see it thrive in every sense of the word."

He added: "My goals are to continue to push to improve the operating efficiency of the city, to continue to improve our infrastructure (in particular our roads), upgrade our parks, improve our attention to detail and guide development in such a way that it doesn't adversely impact the fabric of

the community."

Kelly Bates – Council full term

Kelly Bates, 342 Victorian Ln., has been married to Thomas Bates for 13 years. They have lived in the City of Belleville for nine years.

She is employed at the University of Michigan Athletic Department as Executive Support & Operations and Community Specialist. She currently serves on Belleville's City Council, and said she is looking forward to the continued opportunity to serve.

"I have always enjoyed being active and serving in my community. Volunteering has always been a big part of my life as I love to give back!," she said.

"I have served in our community as a planning commissioner before joining city council. At work I serve as the head of my department's Health & Wellness committee. I also head up our Recycling and Sustainability committee and also I am in charge of Employee Recognition efforts with an emphasis on "FUN".

"I also enjoy volunteering at local events and helping out wherever I am needed. My husband Tom and I love to travel. We typically travel to Florida about twice a year. Sanibel Island is one of our favorite places we visit as we are both avid sea shellers and love to fish.

"We travel to Canada as often as possible as most of my family lives there. We also enjoy being visible in our community by walking, biking, kayaking, talking with residents, eating at local restaurants, shopping local, and attending local happenings.

"I am also a big animal lover and have been known to help rescue animals. When I'm not rescuing them I do enjoy watching them while on Belleville Lake, the metro park or hikes or when bird/deer watching.

"We also enjoy spending time with our friends and family, sharing a meal and laughs. I enjoy gardening and taking care of our yard.

"Over the years I have always been connected in my community; I served as the past president of my homeowners' association in Victoria Commons as well as being awarded the Woman of the Year in my previous community for my dedication to residents and moving the city forward. I have also volunteered with the American Cancer Society, United Way, National Kidney Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association."

Bates said she is running for this office to continue to build upon the groundwork that has been laid by previous residents, council and boards while fostering closer

relationships with Belleville's residents and businesses.

"I continue to seek ways we can continue to be more innovative including exploring how we can have a more engaged city. With the city's resources and staff, we can look at what has always been done and ask and explore the 'whys' to see where appropriate that we can improve upon current processes. We continue to look at possible funding options and/or grants to help our community thrive. Also, I would like to see more collaboration between boards, commissions and committees to work together to strengthen and build our community. It is important to bring us all together to continue making a thriving City where people from all over will want to come across the bridge and visit Belleville."

Randy Priest – Council full term

Randy Priest, 311 E. Huron River Dr., is seeking a four-year seat on the city council. Priest, 77, has lived in the city for 23 years with his wife Linda.

Their sons are Jason, Eric, and Seth.

Priest is a retired public school teacher, with a master of science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

This is his first run for public office. He holds appointed positions and currently serves on the Belleville Planning Commission, Board of Review, and Senior Transportation Board.

Priest is a member of the Belleville Yacht Club, League of Women Voters Director, and is active in his church. He enjoys doing pottery and working with ceramic tile.

"I am running because I have enjoyed living here and contributing to some of the improvements to our administration and infrastructure," he said. "I think there are opportunities in elected office to move us even further ahead."

When asked about goals, he said: "I think Belleville has come a long way since I came here in 2000. As we continue to develop as a destination city, we need to plan and implement future needs for accessibility and public safety, such as streets, sidewalks, traffic control and city services."

Jeremiah Beebe – Council, 2-year term

Jeremiah Beebe, 363 Church St., is married to Wendy and they have two children, Grace and Aiden. They have lived in the city for 22 years.

Beebe, 47, works in sales and has a Master of Business Administration. He was appointed to the city council and has never run for public office before.

He is a member of the Council of Supply Chain Professional and Redemption Bible Church. Hobbies include golf, tractors, and

fishing.

He said he is running for office because he wants to be an active participant of his local government. His goal is "to keep the progress we having going moving in the right direction. There are many people who are passionate about Belleville and if we all work together, we can accomplish the goals."

Julie Kissel – Council, 2-year term

Julie Kissel, 375 Charles St., has lived in the city for four years. Kissel, 50, is married to Tim Kissel and they have three children, Justin, Garrett, and Jilian.

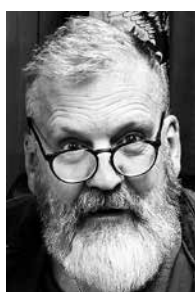
She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, a master's degree in Learning Disabilities and a bachelor of science in English and Special Education.

Kissel is on the professional faculty of Eastern Michigan University and is the faculty union president. This is her first try for elective office. She currently serves on the Belleville Planning Commission.

She currently is a member of the Belleville Fire Auxiliary and in the past served on the Elwell Elementary PTO, was a VB soccer coach and played/managed women's soccer team until 2017.

She said she is running for office because, "Moving to the city, I knew that I wanted to be active in the decision-making process and serve where I could. As time permitted, I began attending city council meetings, library meetings, and the Belleville Fire Auxiliary meetings. This allowed me to begin working with those most active in our community, and I knew that I had the energy, experience, and drive to join their efforts."

When asked if she had any goals once elected, she said: "With so many exciting things happening in Belleville, I'd like to help promote and share those things more robustly. I would also like to make sure that the residents of the city know who is working for them. For example, I've been helping at city hall recently as offices are shifted and spaces reorganized in preparation for the new city manager. The people who work at city hall do love what they do, but they also need support from the council to make sure they have what they need to do the important work of the city. I also want to make sure that they are consistently recognized for their efforts. Being more transparent with the community about the daily activities of the government along with sharing the exciting events/changes/updates can allow our community to grow more strategically while preserving what makes the City of Belleville so special."



OPINIONS

Editorial

BACA's 2023 Community Art Show best ever

The Belleville Area Community Art Show last week end was the best ever, according to all reports, with more than 80 artworks on display and representing artists in our community.

The Belleville Yacht Club rolled out the red carpet for the art show, once again, but the exhibit pieces had to be tucked in well to all fit.

There were people of all ages who were inspecting the artworks and discussing them and admiring them.

One young photographer said her best picture was taken with her cellphone, instead of a more expensive phone she had, when looking out the window of her school bus and spotting a beautiful scene.

The special hand-carved bald eagle presented to the *Independent* at the end of the award ceremony was a big surprise. The artist, Howard Puchalsky, said the eagle represents freedom and that the news stories printed in the *Independent* help to preserve the freedom of the readers because they know what is going on in their community. We are proud to display his creation in our office and you are invited to come in and see it.

It's a big job for BACA volunteers to assemble and exhibit the art works and another big job for the special judges to decide on the winners. It's a fun time, however, on the Friday of the awards for the public to see what their friends and neighbors have created. Thank you.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Brent Mytych, nephew of our late advertising manager Bob Mytych, is the newly sworn-in City of Belleville Police Officer. He formerly was a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy who very often patrolled Belleville Lake.

He was sworn in by the city clerk on Friday and there will be a ceremonial swearing in during the next city council meeting on Nov. 13.

The new Belleville City Manager said he moved into Water's Edge Apartments on the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. Not far from the city. Just over the bridge. His first day on the job was Monday.

Someone asked him if he had any children and he said he had two daughters, ages 17 and 14.

This year's Harvest Fest last Saturday was described as a "bit soggy" with all the rain. Tom Fielder, who always supervises the Nickle Digs for Harvest Fest said he would still have it outside, if it wasn't pouring rain at the time.

He reports that it was "spritz" at the time so they got out the tarp and put the straw and nickels out on the library lawn. Then, he said, they went through the library and asked the children outside to come out for the Nickle Dig and they did.

He said they had a great time in the sprinkling rain (until the end) and then the NJROTC students from the high school cleaned up the area by finding the last of the nickels and then rolling up the tarp. No mess.

The Nickel Dig used to be held on the front lawn of the museum, but the museum



hasn't been involved in Harvest Fest for several years. I think the lawn area where it used to be now is filled with landscaping.

At Monday's city council meeting, Ken Voigt said he attended the presentation by the Bees in the D during Saturday's Harvest Fest events at the library. He said he also bought a couple jars of honey made by the bees that are in hives on the roof of the library. Cost was \$10 each. He said he has heard that if you use local honey that will help your allergies.

My AT&T landline at home hasn't been working right for six weeks or so. Now, I believe I've been scammed by another company. We are working at getting another service, so don't call me at home. Send me an email, if you need me, at rotzman@ameritech.net.

Last year, the annual Monster Mutt Walk put on by the Belleville Central Business Community in Fourth Street Place, brought more dogs than ever before. Some came from out of town.

If the weather holds out on Saturday, it should be another big event. Some people just come to look at the dogs and the costumes are very clever. The dogs don't seem to mind being fussed over and wearing costumes.

The event is noon to 2 p.m.

We've had calls about the proposed pay-to-

park plan being discussed by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority for the city parking lot on N. Liberty Street. They DDA didn't have a quorum to meet last month, but the plan is up for discussion on the Oct. 18 meeting agenda. We'll let you know what's happening with that next week.

A reader said the Sept. 22 accident at Ecorse and Michigan Avenue was a bad one and there were bent guard rails, but no story in the *Independent*. I thought I had written it up, but didn't. So, I called the Van Buren Township fire chief and he filled me in.

Fire Chief Dave McNally said he was present at that collision, along with Canton Township and Washtenaw County. He said a vehicle traveling east on the bypass toward Michigan collided with a pickup truck going west on Ecorse. He said the two drivers were taken to the hospital, but he doesn't know their condition. He said since the accident started in Washtenaw County, that was the venue that wrote up the report.

Chief McNally said the pancake breakfast that Van Buren Township Fire Department held on Oct. 7 was a big success with more than 300 people attending. He said the Belleville Fire Auxiliary and HART will get money from the event, because those two organizations help at VBT fire scenes.



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Letters

FMAR sets Halloween Party fund raiser

To the editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is holding its first annual Halloween Party fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 6-11 p.m. The event will be held at the Tri-County Sportsman League located at 8640 Moon Rd., near the Willis Rd intersection, in Saline.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include dinner catered by Boneheads BBQ in Willis, dessert buffet, hay rides, dancing, games, bonfire, and costume contest. Additionally, there will be a cash bar, amazing raffle baskets, games for prizes, and tarot card readers. This is an adult-only event (ages 16+). Costumes are highly encouraged.

All proceeds from the event will be used to care for the dogs and cats housed at the shelter, located at 51299 Arkona Rd., Belleville. FMAR takes in animals surrendered by their owners or from other rescues that don't have the resources to care for them. It also is the holding facility for Sumpter Township stray dogs.

While the shelter is not required to keep the dogs after the stray-hold period is over, they choose to try to find homes for the vast majority. Since the pandemic, the kennels are full and finding homes is getting more difficult.

As a donation-based organization, every dollar raised is essential to keep operating. Please support this organization that has been a staple of the community for nearly 20 years by joining them for a spooky good time. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.friendsofmichigan.org/>.

Cathy Boatin
Member FMAR Board of Directors
(and dog volunteer)

Thanks to Tim Horton's for helping VA event

To the editor:

This is to Tim Horton's in Belleville, MI.

Thank you for your generosity for supporting the VA from Washington, D.C. We greatly appreciate your donation of coffee, bagels, donuts, cups, cream and sugar, and your support to help further our mission. It was such a great help to our program "No Veteran Left Behind."

We encourage our veterans to support Tim Horton's by patronizing them.

The event in Detroit was hosted by VA representatives who came from Washington, D.C, Vestco Management of Farmington, and Help in the Midst of the Storm.

Bobbie Wallace, Belleville
Jacqueline Wallace, Wayne
Vestco Management

Community has tremendous opportunity

To the editor:

Regarding Hungry Howie's, I mentioned the \$\$\$ that HH donated to the schools, not the number of people that ordered.

Page 6 [Oct. 12 edition], it was stated "...403 people took part..."

September for Edgemont: \$403

September for Tyler: \$397

October for Edgemont: \$476

At the time of the BOE meeting, I didn't know the money donated for Savage for September, but followed up: September for Savage: \$381

And Tyler had their October fundraiser after the BOE: October for Tyler: \$394

As a community, we have a tremendous ability to help get money for the schools by eating on the designated fundraising dates and mentioning the school or organization.

Thank you for including the "class of 2024" dine to donates at Applebee's and Aubree's in your article.

Angela Mears
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: We regret the misunderstanding. Thank you for the correction.

For my friend: Smoker's Ten Commandments

To the editor:

This was written to help my friend.

Smoker's Ten Commandments

1. No smoking in company as a means of bonding or friendship as this will merely encourage more smoking, not lessen it.

2. No smoking in front of another person who is trying to quit, because this may trigger the other person's desire to smoke. Smoking must be a solo activity, invisible to the other person, done quietly and somewhat secretly.

3. No use of vocabulary related to smoking, quitting, or buying cigarettes. For example, do not say, "I am going out for a smoke," or, "I'm going for cigarettes," or, "I am going to quit."

4. No smoking in the house. Cigarette smoke will darken the walls and ceilings and put burn marks in the furniture.

5. No smoking in the car. It will stink like hell. Smoke before a trip, and if you need to smoke during the trip, stop the car. That is what rest stops are for.

6. No keeping cigarettes handy or at your fingertips. Keep the pack of cigarettes in a cupboard or closet. Make it inconvenient or unhandy to get a cigarette so it doesn't become a reflexive reaction.

7. Limit smoking of whole cigarettes. Halves are good.

8. Do not neglect to report your cigarette usage when you take a cigarette. Have a notebook right next to the box of cigarettes and say to yourself in a mindful way, "I am going to smoke a cigarette" (or half) and write down the time. You might just decide

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Oct. 21 – Nancy J. Rosentreter, Robert Martin, Matthew Kubit, Reia Clark
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Oct. 25 – Tabatha Washington, Mary Ann Wells, Jack Anderson
Oct. 27 – Sherry Mastropietro, William Wolters

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to delay your action by this strategy.

9. No smoking of your favorite brand of cigarette – way too rewarding. Get a brand you don't much care for and start uncoupling the reward system that is holding you enslaved to a particular brand of cigarette.

10. Don't give up. It will take time. But other smokers have left behind the smoking scene and achieved success. So can you. Start by making small changes. Be creative. It will pay off.

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J. Cecil Taylor

J. CECIL TAYLOR

(September 13, 1938 – October 11, 2023)

J. Cecil Taylor, age 85, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at his home, surrounded by family, under hospice care. He was born September 13, 1938, in New London, Ohio, son of Cecil Truman & Aletha Fern (Ross). He liked to golf, go fishing with his boys and enjoyed spending time with his family. In his younger years he liked riding and working on dirt bikes. He liked living near Belleville Lake for summer and winter sports. Mr. Taylor retired in 1999 from GM Hydramatic after 31 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. He enjoyed living in Winter Haven, Florida for nearly a decade.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 12 years, Jean Mary (Bowler) Taylor; his children Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Meyer, of Auburn Hills, MI, Kimberly (Glenn) Gonczy of Milan, MI, Paul (Jennifer) Taylor, Steven (Stacey) Taylor, both of Belleville, MI, April Lucas of Taylor, MI, and Laurie (Jason) Conde of Belleville, MI; 8 grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Mariann, Glenn Jr. (Sara), Austin, Taylor, Sarah, Haley, Devon; 3 great-grandchildren: Hayden, Charlie, and Olivia; a sister Jane Randall of Texas; his beloved dog Toby; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, first wife of 48 years Mary Ann (Wray) Taylor, son Samuel L. Taylor, brother Lauren Taylor, and also a sister Susan Carpenter.

Visitation was October 17, 2023, followed by a service, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Doug Valentine officiated. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



ANDREW B. BENYO

(October 29, 1950 – October 11, 2023)

Age 72, of Belleville. Survived by wife Lynn Marie; her son Jamie Stamp; four children, Andrea, Terry, Melanie, Valerie; 10 grandchildren; three siblings. Service Oct. 17 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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JAMES NELSON GRISHABER

(September 29, 1955 – October 13, 2023)

Age 68, of Johannesburg, MI. Survived by wife Jean; children Daniel Grishaber, Denise Ferriana, and Amanda Blalock; a brother; and his best friend and cousin, Mike Harnisch. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Dorothy Skszek

DOROTHY SKSZEK

(April 14, 1929 – October 11, 2023)

Dorothy Skszek, age 94, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Belleville, MI, on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. She was born April 14, 1929, in Saginaw, MI, daughter of Albert Krzezewski & Sarah (Prill) Krzezewski. Her father died when she was 18 months old and her mother remarried Peter Duda who helped to raise her, and whom Dorothy adored. Dorothy graduated from Sweetest Heart of Mary School in Detroit, MI, in 1947. Dorothy married the love of her life Walter Skszek in 1949 and soon adopted Belleville as her forever home where they built two homes.

Dorothy was a stay-at-home Mom who was involved in her children's schools. She eventually began working for Van Buren Public Schools as a lunch supervisor for 42 years at Rawsonville and Savage Schools. Dorothy and Walter were active members of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, as Strawberry Festival workers, and Dorothy was a founding member of St. Theresa's Circle, and active until her death.

She also belonged to a grief group sponsored by the David C. Brown Funeral Home since the passing of her husband Walter, who gathered bi-weekly for lunch, and became close friends.

Dorothy loved to bake, cook, travel, and she especially loved connecting with her friends on Facebook. She and Walter took many cruises and trips all over the U.S. and to Europe (especially Poland, where they found their family). The highlight of Dorothy's life were her children and their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She attended all their sporting events, band concerts, and other activities.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Karen (William) Mida of Belleville, MI; son Timothy (Elizabeth) Skszek of Saline, MI; grandson Jason (Kimberly) Mida of Belleville, MI; granddaughter Tamara (Joseph) Kennedy of Belleville, MI. Dorothy had four great-grandchildren: Ella, Samuel, Jacob, and Lia Rose. She is also survived by her brother Eugene (Ruth) Duda of Port Richey, Florida; and many nieces, and nephews who she kept in contact with. Walter and Dorothy have many cousins in Poland and in Canada and "adopted" children that were friends of the family and her children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, cherished husband Walter in 2016, her sisters Elizabeth (Vincent) McLinden, Virginia (Ray) Lasceski, and Margery (Casimier) Kopacki; and a brother John (Helen) Krzezewski.

Visitation was Friday, October 13, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500, with a Prayer Service led by Deacon Peter Cornell. A Funeral Mass was Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI with Father Bryan Shackett as Celebrant. She will be laid to rest at Hillside Cemetery, with her beloved Wally, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Dorothy's family would appreciate donations to Jacob Kennedy's Foundation. www.davidcbrownfh.com



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Howard Puchalsky, a Van Buren Township wood carver, presented a bald eagle he had carved to Belleville Area Independent Editor Rosemary Otzman at the end of contest awards at the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Art Show. Puchalsky said the eagle represents freedom and the information the Independent gives to readers helps them retain their freedom. He said Otzman prints the good, the bad, and the ugly, but it's all true.

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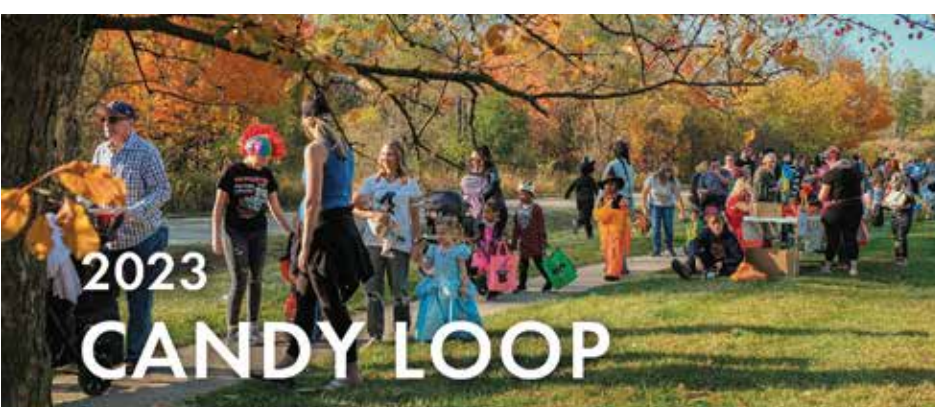
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Otzman
Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley presented the scarecrow award for top Adult Organization to Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, who sits right next to her at the council table. Voigt accepted the award on behalf of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at Monday's meeting of the city council.

St. A. Men's Club sets Nov. 5 breakfast to help homeless veterans

The St. Anthony Men's Club will host a Breakfast to Benefit Homeless Veterans from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, in the Fr. Folta Building, behind St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

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Belleville's new City Manager, Jason Smith, was present at Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council. This was his first day on the job. Welcoming him, at left, is Belleville's Clerk/Treasurer Briana Hootman.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Oct. 21** – Monster Mutt Walk sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community on Fourth Street Place from noon to 2 p.m. Costume judging and short parade on sidewalk.

• **Saturday, Oct. 21** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Next Paige at 8 p.m., with jam session from 5:30 to 7 p.m. \$10. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

• **Saturday, Oct. 21** – Halloween party fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 6 to 11 p.m., at Tri-County Sportsman League, 8640 Moon Rd., Saline. Evening of Halloween fun for those age 16+. Cost is \$40 per person and includes dinner, dancing, hayrides, bonfire, costume contest. Cash bar, raffles, games, psychic. Information: (734) 461-9456.

• **Monday, Oct. 23** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Thursday, Oct. 26** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Larry Spark at 8 p.m. \$30. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

• **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28** – Sumpter Township Fall Vendor Market and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd. For table rentals, at \$10 each, contact Maryann Watson, (734) 461-9373

• **Friday, Oct. 27** – Tacos & Margaritas from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Information: (734) 941-3030.

• **Saturday, Oct. 28** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents a Halloween Dance with Pickin' Roots, \$15. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

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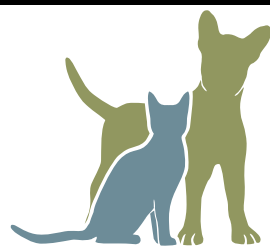
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Most of the Harvest Fest activity on Saturday was inside the Belleville Area District Library because of the constant rain. The Belleville Central Business Community brought some of their planned booths inside and some were on the library porch. The Tractor Parade was cancelled, as well. A quilt show and sewing lessons were inside the library.

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At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting three probationary fire fighters were promoted to full fire fighter status. From left is Robert Gay, Michael Wisniewski, and Michael Harper.

Van Buren Eagles begin selling tickets for New Year's Eve Party

The Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, has begun selling tickets for its New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The party is open to the public and features live music from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Saddle Rock. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., catered buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., and raffles. Pizza is served at midnight.

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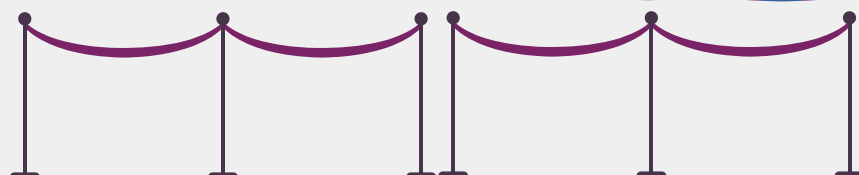
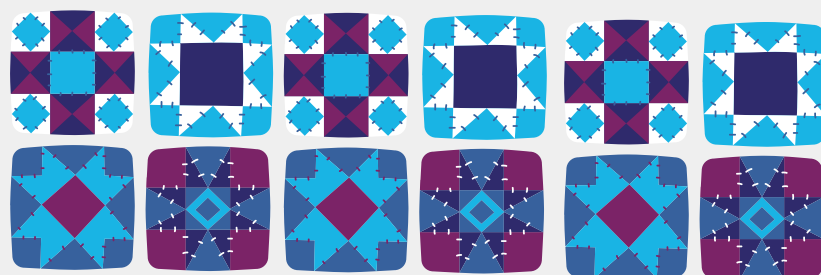
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Belleville Fire Dept. Auxiliary announces \$21,000 earned for truck

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Fire Department Auxiliary raised \$21,000 to “Dress the Truck” at its event at the Belleville Yacht Club on Oct. 7.

At Monday’s meeting of the Belleville City Council, auxiliary member and candidate for council Julie Kissel said it was a fun event and the money was earned to buy the necessary equipment needed for the new fire truck, obtained with a grant.

Later in the meeting, Fire Chief Brian Loranger thanked the auxiliary for the “Dress the Truck” event and funds and said he wanted to tell “the rest of the story.”

He said the power went out at 1 p.m. and the “Dress the Truck” event started at 5 p.m. The BYC was on reduced power. The lights came back on at 9:30 p.m., so it took a lot of special activity to have the food at the party and raise all that money.

The council also thanked Kissel for being at city hall for the past few weeks cleaning up offices and “getting dirty” to help the transition to the new city manager and setting up the office for the assistant manager.

Councilman Tom Fielder said during the cleanup they found some very old pictures and film from early Belleville activities and they will be trying to see what is on the film.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said he thought it was interesting that during the month of Booville and near Halloween that the back room at city hall is getting less scary.

In other business at Monday’s 48-minute meeting, the council:

- Welcomed the new city manager Jason Smith noting this is his first day on the job and they hope he will come back the next day. He said he is happy to be here and will be back tomorrow;

- Witnessed the promotions of three probationary fire fighters who have earned full fire-fighter status: Michael Wisniewski, Robert Gay, and Michael Harper;

- Announced the scarecrow contest winners: Animal Magic, Mark and Misty, tops in the Business Category; Belleville Area Council for the Arts, tops in the Adult Organization category; Boy Scout Troop 793, tops in the Youth Organization; and Vicki Geyer and Jamie Winters, tops in the Families/Individuals category. None of the winners were present to receive their awards, except for BACA. Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt accepted that award;

- Approved the special-event application for the Cinnamon Father’s Day Car Show on June 16, 2024, with a notation that they may have to revisit the approval if the Victory Park renovations are going on at that time;

- Reviewed reports on police and fire services for the year. Year-to-date calls for service for police is 2,844, up from 2,474 at this time last year. The fire report shows 636 calls so far this year, with 33 during the month of October so far. About 84% of the runs are rescue and emergency medical service. The fire department also presented a list of the community events the duty crew and other fire fighters are attending during October;

- Approved accounts payable of \$212,147.88 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$4,760 for replacement of the sewer on Roys St., and \$12,975.50 for the sewer on

(continued from page 19)



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PUBLIC AUCTION

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K651, Aafrika Poole; D158 & P771, Kandass Baldwin; S962, Terry Booth; I410, Quality Pools Inc.; F275, Danielle E. Knopp; M567 & I427, Jennifer Miller; K667, David James; J616, Cornell Fox; N814, Randall Shropshire; C106 & Q915, Raymond Pugh; G458, Jazmene Long; Q905, Tasha Davis; G455, Lynn L. Williams; F264, Mookie Dilliard Jr.; F265, Joan Crawford

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PUBLIC AUCTION

U-Lock-It Self Storage LLC
6130 Rawsonville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 482-1502

Notice is hereby given that on 11/1/23 at 12:00 P.M. thru 11/8/23 at 12:00 P.M. contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold online at:

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Unit may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, seasonal decorations, and tools.

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 at 10AM**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2015 Ford Focus VIN 1FADP3F20FL384267

**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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**BY SARAH DZAGULONES, INTERIM
SUPPORT FOR POLICE CLERK**



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI. This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Local General Election.

Testing will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Title: The bet is On: Northville Mustangs or Belleville Tigers

Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara have made a spirited bet on their high school football teams; with the championship game this Friday, the winner gets the losers basket. Mayor Turnbull's Northville basket contains local delights like Ciders from Parmenter's 1843 Cider Mill, Jogues's Original 1843 Craft Vanilla Extract, a Growler from one of Northville's three breweries, a Souvenir from the Historic Mill Race Museum, and gift certificates to Guernsey Farms Ice Cream.

Supervisor McNamara's Van Buren Township basket features fresh corn from Budd's Centennial Farm, Steaks from the 4H Club's Award-winning Steer, and a specially Crafted Bourbon by the Rusty Crow for the BYC. This friendly wager celebrates their communities and their football passion. May the best team win (GO TIGERS).

Correction: Day of Remembrance is third Friday of Sept.

Sumpter Township Planning
Commissioner Vincent Warren called

to advise us that the POW/MIA Day of Remembrance is observed on the third FRIDAY of September, not the third THURSDAY, as reported on page 8 of last week's *Independent*.

We apologize for the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following request:

Case # 23-059- Request for a **dimensional variance** by Ashley Capital on behalf of owner Crossroads Distribution Center North 11, LLC to construct a Distribution Center that will include trailer staging spaces that will be within 207.3 feet of a residential zoning district. The subject property is located at parcel ID number V-125-83 005 99 0009 701, located on the south side of Van Born Road, between Morton Taylor Road and Haggerty Road. The property is zoned M-T – Industrial Transportation District. The adjacent residentially zoned land is zoned R-1B, Single Family Residential District, and is also owned by the subject property owner. The request is contrary to the requirements of Section 5.112(C) of the Zoning Ordinance as described below:

Section 5.112(C) – Development Standards for Specific Uses - Distribution Centers

- Minimum setback from a residential zoning district to truck docks, overhead doors, and trailer staging areas accessory to a distribution center: 350 feet
- Proposed setback from a residential zoning district to truck docks, overhead doors, and trailer staging areas accessory to a distribution center: 207.3 feet
- Variance requested: 142.7 feet (40.77%)

Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org by **November 13, 2023**. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting. On the agenda for the meeting**, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

Faith Denton United Methodist Church sets crochet class in Dec.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, a free crochet class starts at noon at Faith Denton United Methodist Church, 2020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township. Those who know how to crochet are welcome. Join in for an afternoon of fellowship and learning.

Call (734) 483-2276 or send email to faithchurch69@gmail.com if interested in attending this event.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Trustee Boynton. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Communications Specialist Japowicz and an audience of two.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda: Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of the reappointments of Jackson Pahle and Medina Atchinson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The Township Communications Team presented the State of the Township video.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve awarding the contract for the Belleville Area Museum Exhibit Project to Niche Design for \$224,000. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Commons

• Tuesday, Oct. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
• Wednesday, Oct. 25 – Van Buren Township

Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
• Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Nov. 9 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
• Thursday, Nov. 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m.

Public Notice



OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

DESBROW CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Thursday, November 2, 2023
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Wayne County Community College District
Ted Scott Campus
9555 Haggerty Road, Room D100
Belleville, MI 48111
QUESTIONS: (313) 536-0355

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition, dated September 5, 2022, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

The Board of Determination will further determine whether the addition and/or removal of lands, as recommended by a licensed engineer or surveyor, will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Desbrow Consolidated Drain and whether such addition and/or removal of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Public Act of 1956, as amended. A map of the proposed boundary revisions can be found on the Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/home.aspx>.

A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands be added or removed from the Desbrow Consolidated Drain Drainage District. A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or removed from the Drainage District is as follows:

Municipality	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Sumpter Township	8, 9, 20, 29, 32, 33, 34	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District, and describes the roles, responsibilities and decision to be made by a Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decision at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 400 Monroe, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a and MCL 280.197(7).

Elmeka N. Steele, Esq.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

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Diane Kiessel, BHS Athletics Secretary



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 308 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 8:

0114 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
0324 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0726 – 911 welfare check, rest area
0815 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1330 – intrusion alarm, Hull Rd.
1341 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1342 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1343 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
1342 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1343 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1431 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1434 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1450 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1516 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1550 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1625 – animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
1727 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1903 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
1927 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
1930 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1946 – suicidal person, Savage Rd.
2021 – animal complaint, Endicott St.
2321 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Oct. 9:

0029 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0701 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0701 – intrusion alarm, Cumberland Ct.
0807 – domestic, N. Sunset Ln.
0815 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0815 – repossession, Lighthouse Dr.
0831 – animal complaint, Crowley Ave.
1028 – intrusion alarm, Hull Rd.
1045 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1116 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1348 – warrant arrest, S. Huron St.
1439 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.
1441 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1506 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1552 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1558 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.
1559 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1624 – neighbor trouble, Jackson St.
1647 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.
1659 – civil matter, Van Born Rd.
1836 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Stonebridge Ct.
1801 – civil matter, Jeremy Rd.
1833 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1843 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
1858 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty/Coolidge
1900 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1937 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 10:

0009 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
0142 – property damage accident, Savage/Colonial
0458 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0458 – civil matter, McBride
0802 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0802 – private property impound, Rayna Ct.
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0927 – larceny, Bog Rd.
1209 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
1308 – domestic, Van Born Rd.
1259 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1311 – threat, Fret Rd.
1319 – vehicle lockout, Samuel Barton Dr.
1400 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1454 – larceny from auto, Maurice Dr.
1529 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1546 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service / Independence Dr.
1543 – narcotics crime, McBride
1837 – neighbor trouble, Vernon St.

1837 – trespassing, Independence Ln.
1847 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1913 – domestic, N. Woodbury Dr.
1939 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
2036 – welfare check, Edwards Rd.
2213 – abandoned auto, Anna Dr.
2227 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.

Wednesday, Oct. 11:

0148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0303 – assist fire dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
0311 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Woodbury Dr.
0311 – repossession, Hamilton St.
0623 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0734 – property damage accident, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E./E.-I-94
0745 – trespassing, Sumpter Rd.
0826 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0928 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.
1010 – domestic, Chandler
1025 – breaking & entering, Morton Taylor Rd.
1052 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1109 – domestic, Pine Dr.
1156 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1127 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
1325 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1214 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hickory Woods
1248 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jeannette Ave.
1318 – fraud, Endicotte St.
1350 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1409 – welfare check, Harmony Ln.
1406 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
1434 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1504 – fight, Southport Apts.
1552 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1608 – assist other dept., Third St.
1708 – property damage accident, Michigan/ Michigan Ave.
1651 – fraud, Bradley Dr.
1826 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green Ln.
1822 – unattended death, Hannan Rd.
1902 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1929 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1948 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
2003 – assist fire dept., Berkdale Dr.
2043 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
2053 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arthur St.

2259 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.
2300 – breaking & entering, Martinsville Rd.
2316 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.
2342 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 12:

0005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
0120 – personal injury accident, Harbour Club
0219 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.
0849 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.
0910 – civil matter, N. Sunset Ln.
0911 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Bak Rd.
0943 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
0950 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1021 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1023 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1041 – welfare check, Rogers Ave.
1058 – repossession, Stamford Rd.
1112 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – parking complaint, McBride
1231 – animal complaint, Sylvia Dr.
1243 – parking complaint, Colonial Rd.
1305 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1409 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Belleridge Dr.
1430 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1540 – 911 welfare check, Spruce Ln.
1540 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
1808 – assist fire dept., Bog Rd.
1830 – warrant arrest, Academy
1859 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1859 – assist other dept., SB I-275/Northline
2218 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

2347 – threat, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Oct. 13:

0042 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./S. I-275 ramp
0056 – civil matter, McBride Ave.
0241 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
0415 – family trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.
0631 – civil matter, N. Sunset Ln.
0826 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0848 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
0913 – traffic offense, Savage Rd.
1033 – welfare check, Wilson Ave.
1121 – private property impound, Van Born
1207 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1241 – civil matter, Hamilton St.
1431 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1445 – shooting, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
1522 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1543 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Freedom Way
1543 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brandi Dr.
1636 – vehicle lockout, Martz Rd.
1644 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
1711 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1821 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1926 – misc. complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1930 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
2018 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
2040 – assist fire dept., Hoeft Rd.
2101 – welfare check, Republic Dr.
2105 – intrusion alarm, Fairbanks St.
2120 – motorist assist, Martinsville Rd.
2152 – fraud, Denton Rd.
2150 – property damage accident, Arthur St.
2231 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
2344 – larceny, Republic Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 14:

0003 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0056 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0114 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
0149 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
0526 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln.
0851 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Yost
0850 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
0903 – civil matter, N. Sunset Ln.
0932 – family trouble, W. Archwood Dr.
1016 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
1242 – follow up by officer, Haggerty Rd.
1329 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1309 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1501 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1520 – fraud, Thornwood Dr.
1527 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1543 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1621 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1813 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1924 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
1933 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
2314 – civil matter, Meadows Ct.
2317 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.

Also on this week's log are 103 traffic stops, 24 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 8:

1140 – warrant arrest, Bemis/Sumpter

Monday, Oct. 9:

1936 – found property/child, Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 10:

1109 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1445 – fraud, Carmell St.

Wednesday, Oct. 11:

1443 – threat, Victorian Ln.
1545 – found property/child, South St.
1557 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1607 – mental subject, Third St.
1746 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2103 – traffic stop, Washtenaw Ave.
2103 – traffic stop, Bedell St./E. Huron River

Thursday, Oct. 12:

0053 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0605 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1601 – misc. complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr. / Light

Tower Dr.

1621 – traffic stop, High St./W. Columbia Ave.
1759 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr. / Breakwater Dr.

1810 – property damage accident, South St.

1942 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2211 – domestic, W. Wabash Ave.

Friday, Oct. 13:

0020 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0537 – traffic stop, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.
1201 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.
1931 – missing person, Belle Villa Blvd.
2319 – disorderly, Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 14:

0850 – malicious destruction of property, E. Thornhill Ct.
1935 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2028 – traffic stop, S. Biggs Ave./E. Huron River
2039 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.
2326 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
There were 10 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 8:

0029 – suspicious person, Birch Dr./Tulip Dr.
0911 – animal complaint, 11225 Rawsonville Rd.
1024 – fire dept. assist, 184 Knollwood Dr.
1206 – follow-up investigation, 36500 S. Huron
1446 – family trouble, 362 Utah Ct.
1641 – citizen assist, 50333 Willis Rd.
1751 – family trouble, 519 Washington St.
1849 – family trouble, 450 Montana St.
1946 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Harris
2001 – disorderly person, 40675 Bemis Rd.
2145 – welfare check, 283 Rustic Ln.
2253 – fire dept. assist, 50260 Willis Rd.

Monday, Oct. 9:

0757 – alarm, 22308 Sumpter Rd.
0809 – animal complaint, 372 Utah Ct.
0839 – alarm, 24092 Bohn Rd.
1045 – suspicious circumstance, 26500 Sherwood
1428 – alarm, 22308 Sumpter Rd.
1703 – fire dept. assist, 17546 Sumpter Rd.
1737 – family trouble, 24 Birch Dr.
1741 – civil matter, 47800 Judd Rd.
1743 – welfare check, 374 Rustic Ln.
1752 – suspicious circumstance, 240 Magnolia Dr.
1841 – suspicious vehicle, Idaho St./California St.
2012 – fire dept. assist, Willow Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2025 – family trouble, 609 Washington St.
2246 – fire dept. assist, 535 Iowa St.

Tuesday, Oct. 10:

0058 – fire dept. assist, 19074 Sumpter Rd.
0308 – 911 hangup, 20190 Sherwood Rd.
1736 – follow-up investigation, 660 Oregon St.
1756 – alarm, 23480 Sumpter Rd.
1804 – family trouble, 19001 Elwell Rd.
2224 – suspicious person, 28 Birch Dr.
2255 – breaking & entering report, 543 Iowa St.

Wednesday, Oct. 11:

0859 – citizen assist, 23501 Sumpter Rd.
0947 – fire dept. assist, 51267 Wear Rd.
1006 – 911 hang up, 41001 Bemis Rd.
1028 – citizen assist, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1118 – citizen assist, 46801 Willow Rd.
1323 – fire dept. assist, 47733 Wear Rd.
1330 – disorderly person, 19731 Sumpter Rd.
1516 – fire dept. assist, 18995 Haggerty Rd.
1555 – fire dept. assist, 21055 Martinsville Rd.
1659 – found property, 44050 Judd Rd.
1819 – alarm, 45740 Willis Rd.
1847 – fire dept. assist, 26020 Martinsville Rd.
1848 – follow-up investigation, 20080 Sumpter
1957 – property damage accident, 191 Rustic Ln.
2006 – fire dept. assist, 131 Texas St.
2040 – follow-up investigation, 23501 Sumpter
2325 – citizen assist, 23501 Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 12:

0410 – 911 hangup, Haggerty Rd./Willis Rd.
0833 – felony warrant arrest, 23501 Sumpter
1025 – fire dept. assist, 45141 Harris Rd.
1053 – fire dept. assist, 24661 Haggerty Rd.
1242 – suspicious circumstance, 65 Walnut St.
1242 – juvenile matter, 454 Montana St.
1255 – animal complaint, 24530 Carleton West
1836 – family trouble, 207 Knollwood Dr.
1842 – traffic complaint/hazard, 27855 Sherwood
1855 – citizen assist, 41820 Harris Rd.

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City Council

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N. Liberty St.; and to Osborne Concrete, \$824 for road repair near water valve. When asked, DPW Director Rick Rutherford said the city is paying its contractor for the Roys St. repair and then will go after those responsible;

• Heard Councilman Jeremiah Beebe ask for follow-up reports on Victoria Commons' signage and trees, as discussed at the last meeting. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said they trimmed the branches covering the no-parking signs, replaced four faded no-parking signs, and trimmed branches covering stop signs;

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2008 – family trouble, 46055 Traskos Ave.
2150 – fire dept. assist, 17741 Sumpter Rd.
2221 – disorderly person, 28971 Sumpter Rd.
Friday, Oct. 13:
0257 – fire dept. assist, 207 Knollwood Dr.
0942 – assist other agency, 65 Walnut St.
1039 – malicious destruction of property, 269 Tamarack Dr.
1117 – suspicious person, 47925 Bemis Rd.
1130 – family trouble, 24530 Carleton West Rd.
1324 – family trouble, 24530 Carleton West Rd.
1502 – family trouble, 501 Wayside Dr.
1700 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
1745 – welfare check, 48880 Wear Rd.
1812 – civil matter, 501 Wayside Dr.
1912 – 911 hangup, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1953 – 911 hangup, 80 Mulberry
2006 – fire dept. assist, 236 New Mexico St.
2343 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Arkona Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 14:
0126 – alarm, 8509 Rawsonville Rd.
0209 – family trouble, 304 California St.
0224 – civil matter, 42181 Willis Rd.
0411 – civil matter, 641 Oregon St.
0445 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
0453 – follow-up investigation, 641 Oregon St.
0525 – family trouble, 231 New Mexico St.
1242 – 911 hangup, 25994 Elwell Rd.
1257 – 911 hangup, 44105 Dunn Rd.
1526 – family trouble, 692 Oregon St.
1906 – found property, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1944 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Clark Rd. / S. Huron Rd.
2117 – 911 hangup, 246 Creekside Dr.
2355 – assist other agency, 50585 Judd Rd.
Also on this week's log are 147 patrol checks, 80 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

• Heard Victoria Commons resident Sherry Jones say she has lived in the subdivision for 26 years and she complained about Councilwoman Kelly Bates parking in a no-parking zone. Jones asked why all of a sudden, during the last two months, Bates would park on the wrong side. Tom Jones said he has a solution: If the Chevy pickup truck would pull up a little so it is parking in a legal area it would work. He said the residents love Bates and they all need to live together as neighbors. Mayor Kerreen Conley said the acting police chief wasn't present that night but they will get clarification on the ordinance from the police chief and fire chief;

• Heard Councilman Fielder announce that Belleville High School is hosting the league championship football game between BHS and Northville at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20. He said both teams have school colors of orange and black. Fielder also noted a new veterinarian drug, other than fentanyl, has caused 30 to 40 deaths in the middle part of the state and it probably will be in Wayne County eventually. It caused 200 deaths in Philadelphia. He couldn't remember the exact name of the drug;

• Heard Rutherford report that the work on the cemetery roads is largely done and the cemetery is open. Additional lane widening will take place on Monday, Oct. 23. Mayor Conley said some very generous people in the community paid for the cemetery work; and

• Heard Tom Jones ask about taking steps for child safety during Halloween, noting adults should walk with kids. "With gummies out now, you have to be careful," Jones said. Mayor Conley agreed, saying, "Things are not always what they seem to be." Fire Chief Loranger said there are a ton of parents who walk with the children during downtown Halloween trick or treat. Councilman Bates said there are 220 homes in Victoria Commons and children get bused into their community from the outside. They discussed fire department candy testing for children; and

• Heard Ray Martin thank the council for taking care of trimming the trees in Victoria Commons and putting the speed monitor from Van Buren Township up that seemed to deter speeding. He said the city should get its own monitor and he volunteered to write a grant application for one, like he used to do when he worked for the Detroit Police Department.

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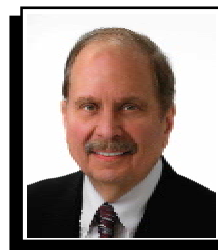
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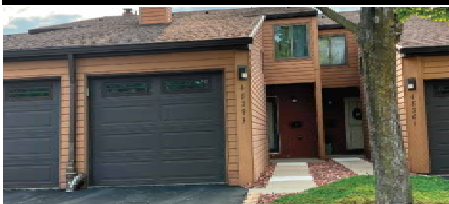
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